

Local Education Agency
Ad Hoc Workgroup Meeting
August 1, 2007 Meeting Summary

Location: Sacramento City Unified School District

ATTENDEES:

Name	Organization/Title
1. Liz Touhey	DHCS, Safety Net Financing
2. John DiCecco	Los Angeles Unified School District (USD)
3. Laura Baynham	Mendocino County Office of Education (COE)
4. Cynthia White-Piper	San Bernardino City USD
5. Greg Englar	Sonoma COE
6. Robert Powell	California Speech-Language-Hearing Association
7. Barbara Miller	Fresno COE
8. Barbara Thomas	California Association of School Psychologists
9. Cathy Bray	Los Angeles COE
10. Linda Davis-Alldritt	California Department of Education
11. Judy Holzapfel	Glenn COE
12. Sherry Purrell	Los Angeles USD
13. Susan Bier	Konocti USD
14. Janice Holden	Stanislaus COE
15. Brenda Higdon	Contra Costa COE
16. Anysia Drumheller	Butte COE
17. Cathy Bennett	Sacramento City USD
18. Margie Bobe	Los Angeles USD
19. Kevin Harris	Navigant Consulting, Inc.
20. Marna Metcalf	Navigant Consulting, Inc.
21. Gloria Eng	Navigant Consulting, Inc.
22. Julia Hanke	Navigant Consulting, Inc.

Handouts

Each participant received a folder with copies of the following: Agenda, updated Paid Claims Issues Matrix, finalized CRCS Form, LEA Program Timeline of Events, Navigant Consulting's PowerPoint presentation and SB 231 Implementation Project Status Reports for February – June 2007. In addition, meeting participants received a copy of the LEA Workgroup Issue Track and a summary statement regarding the federal proposed rule to eliminate school-based administration expenditures and costs related to transportation of students between home and school.

Purpose

The meeting was convened by DHCS in partnership with LAUSD. The purpose of the Workgroup is to improve the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Program. The emphasis of the meeting is to strategize various goals and activities aimed at enhancing the Medi-

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Cal services provided on school sites and access by students to these services, while increasing federal reimbursement to LEAs for the cost of providing these services.

Update on Federal School-Based Initiatives

Workgroup members discussed concerns regarding the proposed federal rule that would eliminate certain transportation costs and school-based administrative expenditures beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09. Workgroup members discussed the potential impact on school-based funding and the LEA Program, and how LEAs can voice their opinion with federal personnel.

Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS)

The CRCS form is finalized and the DHCS Forms Management Unit has issued a form number. The electronic CRCS form will be posted and available for download on the LEA website. EDS Provider Bulletins will be published in August and September to remind LEAs of the mandatory CRCS requirement that is due November 30th. The Workgroup expressed concerns that many LEAs are unaware of the CRCS requirement. DHCS will write a statement to post on the CDE website notifying LEAs of the upcoming CRCS requirement. Additionally, CDE proposed that a notification be part of their upcoming superintendent email distribution.

Action:

What: Write a short statement regarding the upcoming CRCS requirement to post on the CDE website and in the superintendent e-mail notification.

Who: DHCS and Navigant Consulting, Inc.

When: ASAP

Annual Report

The Workgroup discussed the necessity of maintaining the Annual Report in addition to the CRCS. The Annual Report is required as part of the LEA Provider Participation Agreement. Workgroup members stated that it is a useful tool at the local level and provides a sense of ownership and responsibility for collaborative members. The Workgroup is interested in what Annual Report information has historically been collected, who has access to the information, and whether it would be beneficial information for the Workgroup.

Action:

What: Discuss Annual Report data collection with Provider Enrollment Branch.

Who: DHCS and Navigant Consulting, Inc.

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Action:

What: Discuss simplifying and reformatting the Annual Report to decrease overlap between the Annual Report and CRCS.

Who: Navigant Consulting, Inc. and John DiCecco

When: ASAP

Regulations Update

DHCS and Navigant Consulting continue to work with the Office of Regulations to incorporate feedback and necessary changes into the proposed regulations. The proposed regulations package will update State regulations to reflect the new program changes as a result of SPA 03-024. The proposed regulations package was reviewed by Office of Legal Services (OLS), and feedback was incorporated into regulations text. No proposed amendments to general Medi-Cal regulations are necessary. The LEA Regulations Package will only address Title 22, LEA-specific regulations.

Claims Processing Issues

DHCS and Navigant Consulting reviewed all outstanding claims processing issues. Outstanding claims processing issues were discussed by category: issues that have been resolved, issues in process of being resolved, and issues requiring additional follow-up. Since the last Workgroup meeting, three additional paid claims issues have been resolved.

Action:

What: Discuss LEA 2.5% claims withhold for FY 2006-07 with EDS and Fiscal Intermediary – Contract Oversight Division.

Who: DHCS and Navigant Consulting, Inc.

When: ASAP

Upcoming Training

The Workgroup discussed potential fall training sessions for LEA providers. Addressing high priority topics at training are vital to ensure the training is successful. The Workgroup expressed the necessity of separate trainings for those new to the Program and those experienced with the Program. It was also noted that training may be more effective after the CRCS deadline to ensure trainings stay focused on intended topics.

Action:

What: Workgroup to develop a priority list of training topics for FY 2007-08 (based on the 2006 training manual).

Who: Workgroup members

When: By August 15, 2007

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Future Workgroup Meeting

The next Workgroup meeting for CDHS and providers will be held in Sacramento on Wednesday, October 3.